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**Massachusetts adds 10,000 jobs in June**  
***Unemployment Rate at 4.3 percent***

**BOSTON, MA -- JULY 20, 2017 --** [The state's total unemployment rate increased to 4.3 percent in June](#) from the May rate of 4.2 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Thursday.

[The preliminary job estimates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate Massachusetts added 10,000 jobs in June.](#) Over the month job gains occurred in Education and Health Services; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Manufacturing; Information; and Financial Activities. The May estimate was revised to a gain of 2,000 jobs.

From June 2016 to June 2017, BLS estimates Massachusetts has added 65,900 jobs.

The June state unemployment rate remains lower than the national rate of 4.4 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"During the first six months of 2017, Massachusetts has experienced the largest increase in the labor force on record, and the 66.7 labor force participation rate is now 3.9 points higher than the U.S. rate. These marked labor force gains should help ease labor market pressures and are signs of a growing economy in the Commonwealth," Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta said.

The labor force decreased by 2,600 from 3,711,100 in May, as 7,600 fewer residents were employed and 5,100 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased six-tenths of a percentage point from 3.7 percent in June 2016. There were 27,400 more unemployed persons over the year compared to June 2016.

The state's labor force participation rate - the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks - remained at 66.7 percent over the month. The labor force participation rate over the year has increased 1.8 percent compared to June 2016.

The largest private sector percentage job gains over the year were in Education and Health Services; Professional, Scientific and Business Services; Financial Activities; and Other Services.

## June 2017 Employment Overview

Education and Health Services added 6,700 (+0.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services gained 28,200 (+3.6%) jobs.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 3,600 (+0.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 5,900 (+1.0%) jobs.

Leisure and Hospitality added 2,100 jobs (+0.6%) over the month. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality gained 2,500 (+0.7%) jobs.

Other Services added 1,500 (+1.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are up 2,800 (+2.1%) jobs.

Manufacturing gained 500 (+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 1,400 (-0.6%) jobs.

Information added 200 (+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information gained 1,300 (+1.5%) jobs.

Financial Activities added 100 (0.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities gained 5,500 (+2.5%) jobs.

Construction lost 2,800 (-1.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has added 1,800 (+1.2%) jobs.

Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 2,200 (-0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services added 13,900 (+2.5%) jobs.

Government added 400 (+0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government gained 5,500 (+1.2%) jobs.

## Labor Force Overview

The June estimates show 3,548,200 Massachusetts residents were employed and 160,400 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,708,600. The unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.3 percent over the month. The June labor force decreased by 2,600 from 3,711,100 in May, as 7,600 fewer residents were employed and 5,100 more residents were unemployed over the month. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was 66.7 percent. The labor force was up 121,400 from the 3,587,200 June 2016 estimate, with 93,900 more residents employed and 27,400 more residents unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

NOTES: The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding.

*Local area unemployment statistics for June 2017 will be released on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. The preliminary July 2017 and revised June 2017 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Thursday, August 17, 2017. See the [2017 Media Advisory annual schedule](#) for a complete list of release dates.*

Detailed labor market information is available at [www.mass.gov/lmi](http://www.mass.gov/lmi).

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